



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a special meeting on October 26, 2021 virtually via Zoom. The following members were present: Chair Fern Desjardins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Wendy Ault; Paulette Bonneau; James Ford; Victoria Kornfield; Greyson Orne and Joshua Leinwand.

Absent With Excuse: Wilson Hess

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Daniel Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board of Education Secretary Specialist.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Fern Desjardins called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Greyson Orne: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

REGULATION CHAPTER 115, "CREDENTIALING OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL"

UPDATE: The Deputy Commissioner, Department staff and the Certification and Higher Education Committee have been reviewing the 43 sets of comments

received on the proposed Chapter 115 and determined that three substantive changes need to be made to the rule. Substantive changes require that the State Board provides 30 days of public comment. The topics included in changes are as follows:

- Refined some of the grade spans
- Reinstated the Adaptive Physical Education (APE) endorsement
- Revised language per P.L.2021, Chapter 348, which requires that rules which used the term ‘hearing impaired’ be changed to ‘hard of hearing’

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to authorize the filing of the substantive changes articulated above in Chapter 115 rules and the Administrative Procedures Act forms with the Secretary of State’s Office immediately following the October 26, 2021 Special State Board meeting.

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Victoria Kornfield, and unanimously voted by those present to amend Chapter 115 Part I Section 6.7 by moving B.1 into the introductory *B. Eligibility* statement; Part II Section 1 by eliminating “adolescent psychology” from 1.1.B.2.j; and to authorize the filing of the substantive changes as articulated above in Chapter 115 rules and the Administrative Procedures Act forms with the Secretary of State’s Office immediately following the October 26, 2021 Special State Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The October 26, 2021 State Board of Education special meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Johnson Becker
Secretary Specialist
State Board of Education